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## COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF POST-TRAVEL SUBMISSION

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Name of Traveler: Marcie Smith

Employing Office/Committee: Office of Senator John Kennedy

Private Sponsor(s) (List all): Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation, Inc.

Travel Date(s): November 16-18, 2017

Description/Title of Attached Forms: Event itinerary.

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): The final submission to OPR must include the most up-to-date versions of all documents. Your original submission included the tentative itinerary, but not the final approved itinerary.

12/4/17  
(Date)

Marcie Smith  
(Signature of Traveler)

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**ITINERARY FOR  
CONGRESSIONAL STAFF TOUR  
(November 16-18, 2017)**

**Thursday, November 16, 2017**

- 8:30 am** Group leaves on American Airlines Flight # 5559 from Washington-Reagan National Airport.
- 10:31 am** Group arrives New Orleans International Airport.
- 10:50 am** Group Leaders will pick up the group at the New Orleans International Airport and transport the group for the duration of the trip.
- 12:00-1:00 pm** Lunch and tour briefing at the USDA-ARS, Sugarcane Research Laboratory in Houma. During this lunch, a briefing on the history of the Louisiana sugarcane industry and a description of the process of creating sugar from sugarcane will be provided.
- 1:00-2:30 pm** Tour the USDA-ARS, Sugarcane Research Laboratory. This tour will focus on the research to improve sugarcane production practices to help farmers manage risks through improved plant breeding and varietal selection. Participants will be given a tour of the sugarcane crossing greenhouse and field plots.
- 2:30 pm** Depart for a tour of the John Deere Thibodaux Factory, Thibodaux, LA
- 3:00-4:30 pm** Arrive at John Deere Thibodaux Factory. The group will learn of the local, national, and international economic impact of the largest producer of sugarcane harvesting equipment. The group will also be given a tour of the factory to observe equipment being made.
- 4:30 pm** Depart John Deere Thibodaux Factory for the Hampton Inn in Thibodaux.
- 4:45 pm** Arrive at the Hampton Inn in Thibodaux.
- 6:00 pm** Depart for dinner and tour of the Donner-Peltier Distillery in Thibodaux, LA.
- 6:15-8:30 pm** This distillery uses raw sugar and molasses produced by Lafourche Sugars for the production of their rum products. A tour of the distillery will be given. Afterwards, discussions will continue with staffers and growers and raw sugar processors about important sugar industry issues. Dinner will be served.
- 8:30 pm** Depart from the Donner-Peltier Distillery for the Hampton Inn in Thibodaux.
- 8:45 pm** Arrive at Hampton Inn for the night.

### **Friday, November 17, 2017**

Please check out before leaving for tours. You will not return to this hotel. Continental breakfast will be in lobby of hotel prior to our departing.

**8:30 am** Depart Hampton Inn for a field tour of Carmouche Planting (Mr. L.J. Carmouche) sugarcane farm in Belle Rose, LA.

**8:50-11:45 am** Arrive at farm to observe the various steps for growing and harvesting sugarcane. Participants will observe sugarcane being harvested and talk with the producer to learn of the challenges and rewards of growing sugarcane in south Louisiana.

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**10:45 am** Depart farm for Lula-Westfield, LLC (Lula Factory), a raw sugar factory in Belle Rose, LA.

**11:00 am-12:45 pm** Arrive at Lula Raw Sugar Factory to observe the various steps for processing sugarcane into raw sugar that include preparation, clarification, evaporation, and crystallization. A tour of the factory will be given after the overview.

**12:45-1:45 pm** Lunch will be served at St. Jules Catholic Church, Belle Rose, LA. During lunch, Dr. Mike Salassi, Agricultural Economist with the LSU AgCenter, will discuss the impact of the sugar industry on the Louisiana economy.

**1:45 pm** Depart for Louisiana Sugar Refinery in Gramercy, LA

**2:30-4:45 pm** Arrive at Louisiana Sugar Refinery for refinery tour. Participants will be given an overview of the process to convert raw sugar into refined sugar. Participants will learn of the recent business venture regarding vertical integration within the Louisiana sugar industry. A tour of the refinery will be given after the overview.

**4:45 pm** Depart for the Astor Crowne Plaza in New Orleans.

**6:00 pm** Arrive at the Astor Crowne Plaza

**7:15-9:15 pm** Dinner at Bourbon House. Staffers will continue interactions with local sugarcane growers and processors. The events of the day will be summarized and reviewed.

**(Check out prior to breakfast)**

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